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## DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

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Date: August 16, 2018  
To: Delta Stewardship Council Members  
From: Jessica Pearson, Executive Officer  
Subject: Upcoming Council Meeting August 23, 2018

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Our upcoming Council meeting will be held at the Park Tower, 980 9<sup>th</sup> Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Center (Room 350), Sacramento. The agenda and supporting materials for the meeting are attached, and some additional handouts will be provided at the meeting.

This month, Council staff will conduct a workshop for the development of the Ecosystem Amendment Framework. Senior Environmental Scientist (Supervisor) Ron Melcer and panelists will provide an overview of the Delta Plan amendment process. The workshop will consist of three parts 1) how science links to ecosystem restoration priorities; 2) moving from a vision to planning and implementation; and 3) setting the direction for policies and recommendations.

Also included on the agenda:

- **Chief Counsel Bethany Pane will address ex parte communications and the Council's Procedures for Delta Stewardship Council Meetings**  
Ms. Pane will disclose any ex parte communications related to the WaterFix certification of consistency and offer a reminder to the public and Council about ex parte communications prohibitions in effect at the Council. Ms. Pane will also ask the Council to amend its Procedures for Delta Stewardship Council Meetings.
- **The Council will receive an update on the Interagency Ecological Program (IEP)**  
The IEP Lead Scientist will provide an update on IEP activities. This briefing will describe how data is collected and where it is used in the management of ecological resources under IEP responsibility.

As always, time for public comment on these agenda items, as well as any item of relevance to the Council, will be available. If I can answer any questions or provide any information, please contact me at (916) 445-4500 or [jpearson@deltacouncil.ca.gov](mailto:jpearson@deltacouncil.ca.gov).

*"Coequal goals" means the two goals of providing a more reliable water supply for California and protecting, restoring, and enhancing the Delta ecosystem. The coequal goals shall be achieved in a manner that protects and enhances the unique cultural, recreational, natural resource, and agricultural values of the Delta as an evolving place."*

– CA Water Code §85054